

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**INDIGO WILLIAMS, ON BEHALF OF  
HER MINOR CHILD J.E., ET AL.**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**V.**

**CAUSE NO. 3:17-CV-404-WHB-LRA**

**PHIL BRYANT, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF  
MISSISSIPPI, ET AL.**

**DEFENDANTS**

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**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

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Pursuant to Rule 10(b)(3)(A) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure,  
Plaintiffs' counsel hereby states the issue to be presented on appeal:

*Whether the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution  
forbids federal courts from hearing challenges to provisions of state  
constitutions.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Will Bardwell, hereby certify that, contemporaneous with its filing, true and correct copies of the foregoing statement were served on all counsel of record via the Court's electronic filing system.

SO CERTIFIED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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